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Title: Methods and Devices for Providing Links to Experts

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Sir:

Submitted herewith is the following document relating to the above-identified patent application:

(1) Response to Restriction Requirement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:


The present application was filed on December 20, 1999, with claims 1-269. Claims 1-269 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1, 87 and 176 are independent claims.

In a second non-final Office Action dated May 11, 2005, the Examiner has required restriction of the claims to one of two groups, namely, Group I, comprising claims 1-86, and Group II, comprising claims 87-269.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement. It is believed that the claims are sufficiently related to be searchable in the same search effort, and that to proceed otherwise would be wasteful of resources for the USPTO and for Applicant. In fact, the USPTO has already done a unified search and examination of claims 1-269, as reflected in the initial non-final Office Action dated October 5, 2004. To issue a restriction requirement at this stage, subsequent to a unified search and examination of claims 1-269, is believed to be improper, and as previously noted, an inefficient use of resources. Accordingly, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn and examination should continue for claims 1-269.

Notwithstanding the traversal, Applicant provisionally elects the claims of Group II, that is, claims 87-269, for continued prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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